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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9281/4230
Serial No. 09/992,405	Filing Date November 6, 2001	Examiner R. McCloud	Group Art Unit 2837
Inventor(s) Mikio Onodera			
Title of Invention Manual Input Device Using a Motor as an Actuator for Applying an External Force to Its Manual Control Knob			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Cover Letter (1p. Filed in Dup.); Request for Continued Examination (2pp. Filed in Dup.); Amendment (9pp.) and PTO Reply Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity		or	Other Than Small Entity	
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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+ \$145 =			+ \$290 =	
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- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$770. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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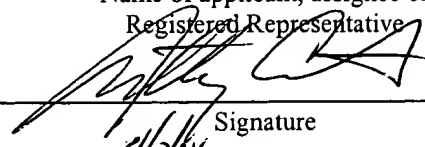
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Mikio Onodera

Serial No: 09/992,405

Examiner: R. McCloud

Filed: November 6, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2837

For: MANUAL INPUT DEVICE USING  
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FOR APPLYING AN EXTERNAL  
FORCE TO ITS MANUAL  
CONTROL KNOB

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

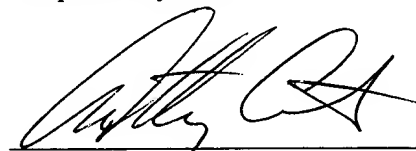
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- ☒ Applicant is:
- ☐ a small entity, verified statement is:
    - ☐ attached
    - ☐ already filed
  - ☒ other than small entity
- ☒ The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
- ☐ Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.
  - ☒ Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.  
A duplicate copy of this request is attached.
- ☒ A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement
  - ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
  - ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
  - ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ A petition and fee for an extension of the time is enclosed herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

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Examiner: Renata McCloud

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## AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.